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Jon,

Mardi Gras Casino & Resort requests permission to conduct the WVGOBA Juvenile Stakes beginning March 15, 2014 with the finals on March 29, 2014 and the WVGOBA Open Distance Stakes beginning May 17, 2014 with the finals on May 31, 2014. Attached are general information sheets and rules for each stakes race. Please let me know if you need additional information.

Thanks,

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Mardi Gras (Tri-State) Casino & Resort
Stakes Race Information Sheet

Event Name	WVGOBA OPEN DISTANCE STAKES
Distance	677 YARD COURSE
Entry Deadline	May 11, 2014
Last Schooling Date	May 11, 2014
Last Racing Date	May 11, 2014

First Round	May 17, 2014
Second Round	May 21, 2014
Quarter Finals	May 24, 2014
Semi Finals	May 28, 2014
Finals	May 31, 2014

The point system shall be awarded as follows:

First	12	Fifth	3
Second	9	Sixth	2
Third	7	Seventh	1
Fourth	5	Eighth	0

The purse distribution of \$65,000 shall be paid as follows:

First	\$32,000.00	Fifth	\$1,500.00
Second	\$16,000.00	Sixth	\$1,500.00
Third	\$8,000.00	Seventh	\$1,000.00
Fourth	\$4,000.00	Eighth	\$1,000.00

WVGOBA Open Distance Stakes Race
Mardi Gras (Tri-State) Casino & Resort
Finals – May 31, 2014

This event is open to all greyhounds, of any age, kenneled at Tri-State. Kennels may nominate limited entries. All greyhounds entered must be qualified over the 677 yard course and registered West Virginia whelped with the WVRC prior to the entry deadline to be eligible. Entry greyhounds shall be selected based on merit – grade AA's first, grade A's second, grade B's third, grade C's fourth, grade D's fifth, and lastly Maidens. When cutting nominated entries in the lowest grade, preference will be given to those greyhounds having previously been in a higher grade. If there is no clear distinction of greyhounds for the last selection, then preference shall be given to greyhounds of owners having no selected entries or having the fewest selected entries. Nominated entries will be cut to an even multiple of eight with the maximum number of accepted entries to be determined based on the total number of nominations received.

Tri-State reserves the right to select the greyhounds from the best quality dogs available based on their past performance lines.

The West Virginia Racing Commission, prior to the first of the month in which the event is to start, must have registered all entries as a West Virginia whelped greyhound. Each WVGOBA member is responsible for filing a purse distribution form with the WVRC prior to the first of the month in which the race begins. Greyhounds must run out of a kennel that is booked at Tri-State. All registration papers must have all required leases and/or payment information.

Tri-State and the WV Racing Commission reserve the right to reject any greyhound or owner not considered being in the best interest of racing. This event will be conducted under the rules of Greyhound Racing of West Virginia.

All Greyhounds entered must be qualified over the 677 yard course. Any greyhound that must be withdrawn or scratched from this event will be disqualified from further competition. Alternates will be chosen in the event a racer is withdrawn prior to the post position being drawn for the final round. The amount of greyhounds to be eliminated from each round will be determined by the number of entries received.

In order to qualify for the championship finals, finalists must have run in all qualifying rounds. Any racer receiving any schooling order will be dropped from competition.

In the event of a "No Race" in the first round, the dogs involved will receive half the points they earn in the second round; if a no race occurs in the second round, the dogs involved will receive half the points they earned in the first round; and if a no race occurs in the third round, the dogs involved will receive half the points they earned in the second round.

Ties in point standings at the end of each round will be broken by taking the greyhound(s) with the most wins in the qualifying rounds, If this fails to break the tie, second place finishes shall be used and then third place finishes, etc. If the before mentioned tiebreakers fail, the greyhound(s) shall be selected by lot.

Upon completion of the semi-final round, the eight (8) greyhounds which have earned the most accumulated points will advance to the final round.

Tri-State and the WV Racing Commission reserve the right to cancel or alter this event if less than 24 entries are received.

All entries must be submitted to the Racing Secretary by 7:00PM 5-11-14.

All rounds will pay grade STAKES purses (20 points) on the following distribution: 50%, 25%, 15% and 10%.

Mardi Gras (Tri-State) Casino & Resort
Stakes Race Information Sheet

Event Name	WVGoba Juvenile Stakes
Distance	550 YARD COURSE
Entry Deadline	March 9, 2014
Last Schooling Date	March 9, 2014
Last Racing Date	March 9, 2014

First Round	March 15, 2014
Second Round	March 19, 2014
Quarter Finals	March 22, 2014
Semi Finals	March 26, 2014
Finals	March 29, 2014

The point system shall be awarded as follows:

First	12	Fifth	3
Second	9	Sixth	2
Third	7	Seventh	1
Fourth	5	Eighth	0

The purse distribution of \$35,000 shall be paid as follows:

First	\$16,000.00	Fifth	\$1,000.00
Second	\$8,000.00	Sixth	\$1,000.00
Third	\$5,000.00	Seventh	\$750.00
Fourth	\$2,500.00	Eighth	\$750.00

WVGoba Juvenile Stakes Race
Mardi Gras (Tri-State) Casino & Resort
Finals – March 29, 2014

This event is open to all greyhounds kenneled at Mardi Gras (Tri-State) Casino & Resort that are currently **15 through 24 months of age (Whelped on March 1, 2012 through and including December 31, 2012)** at the start of the first round qualifying. Kennels may nominate limited entries. All greyhounds entered must be qualified over the 550 yard course and registered West Virginia whelped with the WVRC prior to the entry deadline to be eligible. Entry greyhounds shall be selected based on merit – grade AA's first, grade A's second, grade B's third, grade C's fourth, grade D's fifth, and lastly Maidens. When cutting nominated entries in the lowest grade, preference will be given to those greyhounds having previously been in a higher grade. If there is no clear distinction of greyhounds for the last selection, then preference shall be given to greyhounds of owners having no selected entries or having the fewest selected entries. Nominated entries will be cut to an even multiple of eight with the maximum number of accepted entries to be determined based on the total number of nominations received.

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The West Virginia Racing Commission, prior to the first of the month in which the event is to start, must have registered all entries as a West Virginia whelped greyhound. Each WVGoba member is responsible for filing a purse distribution form with the WVRC prior to the first of the month in which the race begins. Greyhounds must run out of a kennel that is booked at Tri-State. All registration papers must have all required leases and/or payment information.

Tri-State and the WV Racing Commission reserve the right to reject any greyhound or owner not considered being in the best interest of racing. This event will be conducted under the rules of Greyhound Racing of West Virginia.

All Greyhounds entered must be qualified over the 550 yard course. Any greyhound that must be withdrawn or scratched from this event will be disqualified from further competition. Alternates will be chosen in the event a racer is withdrawn prior to the post position being drawn for the final round. The amount of greyhounds to be eliminated from each round will be determined by the number of entries received.

In order to qualify for the championship finals, finalists must have run in all qualifying rounds. Any racer receiving any schooling order will be dropped from competition.

In the event of a "No Race" in the first round, the dogs involved will receive half the points they earn in the second round; if a no race occurs in the second round, the dogs involved will receive half the points they earned in the first round; and if a no race occurs

in the third round, the dogs involved will receive half the points they earned in the second round.

Ties in point standings at the end of each round will be broken by taking the greyhound(s) with the most wins in the qualifying rounds, If this fails to break the tie, second place finishes shall be used and then third place finishes, etc. If the before mentioned tiebreakers fail, the greyhound(s) shall be selected by lot.

Upon completion of the semi-final round, the eight (8) greyhounds which have earned the most accumulated points will advance to the final round.

Tri-State and the WV Racing Commission reserve the right to cancel or alter this event if less than 24 entries are received.

All entries must be submitted to the Racing Secretary by 7:00PM 3-9-14.

All qualifying and elimination rounds will pay grade STAKES purses (18 points) on the following distribution: 50%, 25%, 15% and 10%.